GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Tahsildars - Chittoor District - Sri B.Reddappa, former Tahsildar, Madanapalle (M), now retired - Dereliction of duties – Departmental proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges issued - Explanation submitted - Enquiry Officer appointed - Report submitted – Further explanation received – Show cause notice under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules 1980 – awarding a penalty of "withholding 5 % pension for one year" against the individual–Orders–Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.140 **Dated: 13.01.2020.**

Read the following:

1. Proceedings of the District Collector, Chittoor, Rc.No.A1/REV-ASEC0VIG(ACT)/2/2016-DT(A1)-COLLCTR, Dated.08.03.2017.
2. Inquiry report of RDO, Tirupathi, Lr.Roc G/1344/2017, Dt.20.10.2018.
3. From CCLA, AP, Lr.No.VS.II(1)/440/2018, Dated:17.12.2018.
4. Govt.Memo.No.LANA0CCLV(DISC)/7/2019.Vig.III. Rev, Dated:01.02.2019.
5. From Sri B.Reddappa, Tahsildar (Retd), Madanapalle, Explanation, Dated.27.02.2019.
6. Memo No LANA0CCLV(DI SC)/7/2019.Vig.III – REV, Dated:25/04/2019.
7. Explanation to SCN of Sri B.Reddappa, Former Tahsildar (now retired), Representation, dated.01.06.2019.
8. Govt.Letter.No.LANA0CCLV(DISC)/7/2019, Revenue (Vig.III) Dept, Dt:08.11.2019
9. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.C.No.570/DC&C/2019, Dated:05.12.2019.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the District Collector, Chittoor has framed the following Articles of charges against Sri B. Reddappa, former Tahsildar, Madanapalli (M) for his failure to safe guard the digital key and dereliction of duties, in the reference 1st read above.

Charge-1 : That the sub Collector, Madanapalle has submitted a report that, Sri B.Reddappa, Tahsildar, Madanapalle has failed to safeguard the digital key of the Tahsildar, Madanapalle and misused the Digital key of the Tahsildar, Madanapalle, which was leaded to enter the names of Sri G.Prakash Babu S/o G.Narasappa and Varanasi Ramachandra Reddy in webland by fraudulently in Sy.No.531/2, Ext 5.06 Acres of B.K.Palle. Village of Madanapalle Mandal.

Charge-2 : That, the Sub collector, Madanapalle has submitted a report that, the cardholders has made a complaint that, some wrong corrections were carried out in some ration cards, which are left over cards and not taken Essential Commodities for a long period, and an enquiry has been conducted pertaining to 25 Ration cards of Madanapalle Mandal. These ration cards have been traced out from EPOs portal. The modifications to these cards have been applied through Mee Seva and have been carried out in EPOs portal, where normal corrections are done with the digital key of the Tahsildar, Madanapalle. During enquiry it came to notice that, the name of Head of household, address & F.P.Shop Numbers have been modified. After modifications, most of the cardholders have taken essential commodities in the month of September, 2016, whereas before that the cards were not drawing ration since a long period of time.

Charge-3 : That, the Sub Collector, Madanapalle has submitted report that, a news item was published in Eenadu daily news paper, dt:15.09.2016 with a caption as “E-March” regarding allegations in issue of ration cards in Madanapalle Mandal through MeeSeva.

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2. And whereas, the Charged Officer has submitted his written explanation denying the charges framed against him. Subsequently, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupathi was appointed as Inquiry Officer for conduct of enquiry into the charges framed against the charged Officer. The Inquiry Officer has submitted inquiry report along with findings holding that the charge-I is proved and Charges-II and III are not proved against the Charged Officer, vide the reference 2nd read above.

3. While forwarding the enquiry report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupathi, and also connected records, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration has requested the Government to conclude the departmental proceedings against the Charged Officer Sri B.Reddappa, former Tahsildar, Madanapalle(M) now retired from service, under rule 24 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 read with A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, in the reference 3rd read above.

4. The enquiry report has been communicated to the above charged officer with a direction to submit his further representation, if any, vide reference 4th read above. Subsequently, the charged officer has submitted his further written explanation, vide reference 5th read above.

5. After careful examination of the Enquiry report and the explanation of Sri B.Reddappa, former Tahsildar, Madanapalle(M) (Now Retd), Government, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "withholding 5 % pension for one year" against the charged officer Sri B.Reddappa, former Tahsildar, Madanapalle(M) (Retd), for the charge held proved. And directed him to show cause as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed upon him, for the irregularity committed, within a period of ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this show cause notice, vide ref 6th read above.

6. Sri B.Reddappa, Tahsildar (Retd) has submitted his explanation stating that he has submitted his detailed explanation on 27.02.2019 stating that he has not made any mistake in safeguarding all Government lands and in the absence of Computer Operator Post in the Mandal, he has no other option to give his digital key to CSDT and the office staff when he is in the field work and inspection. The explanation of the Sri B.Reddappa found not convincing by the Govt.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter have decided to impose a penalty of "withholding 5 % pension for one year" against Sri B.Reddappa, former Tahsildar, Yadamarri (M) (now retired), duly following the procedure prescribed under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules 1980.

8. In the reference 8th read above, the Secretary, APPSC was requested to place the matter before the Commission and obtain the concurrence to the proposal of the Government to impose a penalty of "withholding 5 % pension for one year" against Sri B.Reddappa, former Tahsildar, Yadamarri (M) (now retired) and furnish the same to Government for taking further action in the matter and the Commission agreed with the proposals of the Government, to impose a penalty of “withholding of 5% pension for one year" against Sri B.Reddappa, Tahsildar (Retired).

9. Government, after careful examination of the matter have decided to confirm the provisional decision taken and accordingly hereby order to impose penalty of "withholding 5 % pension for one year" against Sri B.Reddappa, former Tahsildar, Yadamarri (M), Chittoor District (now retired) under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules 1980.

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10. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.USHARANI,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sri B. Reddappa, former Tahsildar, Madanapalle (M) (Retd), (Now Retired), through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The Collector & District Magistrate, Chittoor.
The Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER